

LOMITA LIMELIGHT

PTA Life Memberships Awarded To Mrs. Wright, Walter Talley

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PTA honorary life memberships were awarded to Gladys Wright and Walter Talley during the Lomita Elementary School's Founders Day program by Frank Gorbet.

Mrs. Wright has been a teacher for over 20 years, specializing in kindergarten work. She also teaches a youth orchestra at school during her lunch hour, has been a den mother, and has provided a foster home for five boys.

Talley has been a Cubmaster for two years and has been very active in youth work.

Past PTA presidents honored during the program were Mmes. L. A. Stump, Floyd Boyle, R. L. Lewis, J. S. Dresser, C. B. Airey, C. A. Hatfield, C. E. Woodward, F. C. Elliott, D. J. Cressey, Joe Stahl, Ethan Schmidt, Walter Talley, and William Hansen.

Special guests were Mrs. William Shier, Lomita-San Pedro Council president; Mrs. J. A. Johnson, president of Leland Street School PTA; Mrs. P. Orseth, 25th Place PTA president; and Mrs. William Asplin, White Point PTA president.

Entertainment was provided by the Mothersingers' renditions of several songs.

A sheet cake with Happy Founders Day inscribed in icing and decorated with the Valentine theme was served by the kindergarten mothers.

The Snow Valley Ski Club will meet March 1 to make plans for a rummage sale and later a pot luck dinner. Members will be assigned to work parties to do repair work on the club's lodge.

The meeting will be in the Bruce Carlson home at 7:30 p.m.

The Blue and Gold Dinner of Cub Scout Pack 255C was

attended by nearly 100 persons. After-dinner entertainment was provided by Clarence Hartley giving a demonstration of "foolish" magic. Cubmaster Glenn Scrivner reviewed the pack's activities of the past year and presented awards to various members.

It was announced that John Acker would be pack committee chairman. Committeemen are Luther Stowe, Cal Geurin, Darrel Jeppsen and Glenn Scrivner. Den mothers are Doris Linn, Esther Jensen, Corrine Hansen, Marge Allen, and JoAnn Scrivner. Marvella Geurin is chairman of the paper drive committee and Jean Bradshaw is chairman of the ideas committee.

The home dinner was served under the chairmanship of Jean Bradshaw. Four beautifully decorated cakes, each representing a den with its members names inscribed with icing, were baked by Corrine Hansen. Tables were decorated by the dens.

Alice Palczewski was among those "making the news" this week when she was guest of honor at a stork shower in the home of Madge Brown.

Guests competed for prizes by walking white line and stepping over a telephone directory while looking through the wrong end of binoculars, and contesting to see who could pin a clothes pin highest on their back while bending over. Prizes were won by Jean Burns and Dorothy Hutchinson.

Hostesses were Madge Brown, Pat Fansier and Marvella Geurin. A delicious fruit and marshmallow salad was served with punch and crackers. Lewis, Edna Strawn, Dorothy Hutchinson, Mary Ward, Gloria Champion, Helen Rhea, Norma Higley, Kathleen Mata, Jean Bradshaw, Francis Lee, Jean Diffie, Sue Ann Mills, Ella Mitchell, and Helen Stockwell.

During their previous meeting, the Fire-Fly group made plans for the reception of Pat Rydstrom, recording secretary of the Theta Rho Assembly to be held March 20.

Chicopee Council, 267, of the Order of Pochontas will meet Monday in the Lomita American Legion Hall. Lucille Stevens will be refreshment chairman.

The Great Pochontas of California will visit with the area councils on March 25 at the Tahee Council in Hawthorne. Special rehearsals have taken place for the special program to be presented at that time.

The Opti-Mrs. of Lomita decided on a donation to the Optimists Boys Ranch which is just getting started near San Bernardino. The decision was made during the February meeting held at the home of Evelyn Dollarheid.

The members were invited by the Long Beach Uptown Opti-Mrs. Club to view a fashion show in the LaFayette Hotel and Don Loper fashion will be modeled under the direction of Mr. Bob.

During the February meeting the Lomita members exchanged secret pal Valentine gifts. The March meeting will be held at Marvella Geurin's, club president, at 2314 W. 254th St., Lomita, on the 12th.

During the executive board meeting of the 259th Place PTA, delegates were nominated to attend the PTA Council meeting on March 5. Those nominated were Mmes. G. H. Nelson, H. M. Rabjohn, G. Wilkinson, T. R. Biglin, W. E. Zell, Dan Bowling, B. A. Gardner, H. B. McDonald, O. J. Trujillo, E. E. Eggleston, W. N. Kepley Jr., D. E. Dunn, R. W. Gerhart, Palmer Orseth, and Miss Frances Dastarac.

Mrs. Joseph Bader and Mrs. Harold Blake were presented with Honorary Life Memberships during the 259th Place School Founders Day program. The membership pins were awarded by Mrs. C. L. Wilson, honorary life member and chairman.

Mrs. Bader has been active in school, social and business circles for the past 22 years. During these years she has also been a PTA member, nine of which she served on the executive board.

For the past nine years she has conducted a nursery school in her home. Mrs. Bader estimates approximately 250 children have attended prior to beginning school at 259th Pl. Mrs. Harold Blake has spent 14 years of her 17 teaching years at 259th Pl. She has taken an active part in numerous school activities and entertainment. At present she is taking part in 4-H work.

Mrs. Blake is a graduate of UCLA and taught teacher training and demonstration at the University for two years. Her current activities include the Junior Red Cross to which she is devoting most of her time.

Past presidents honored with corsages during the meeting were Mmes. E. L. Gibson, E. I. Howe, L. G. Mayer, W. M. Schildmeyer, R. L. Hultz, C. L. Wilson, J. O. Powers, W. E. Zell, R. E. Prandin, and R. P. Kellogg.

Mrs. Palmer Orseth, president, conducted the business of electing a nominating committee to select officers for the year ending June, 1958. Nominated were Mrs. W. E. Zell, chairman, and Mrs. D. E. Dunn and T. R. Biglin.

Arthur Anderson, fifth grade teacher, spoke to the group on propositions B and C

of the next election. Lillian Peterson's fourth grade class received the prize for having the most fathers attend. Miss Frances Dastarac, school principal, introduced the teachers who served refreshments and were hosts for the evening.

The Optimists Club's oratorical contest winner was Pat Manning. Pat will enter the zone run-off, winner of which will compete at the International convention in Philadelphia. Other finalists of the club level competition were John Acord and Allan Anderson.

Special guests for the evening speech contest were Butch Hudgins and his father, C. B. Benbow, club president. said the club has "adopted" Butch and they will see to it that he will "get anything he might need." It will be remembered that when Butch lost his leg in an accident that the Optimists, other civic organizations, and many individuals, plus a fund-raising drive spearheaded by Mrs. Bert McVay, collected over \$2800 that was applied toward Butch's medical expenses.

Barney Henderson was presented with a going-away gift by the club members. Henderson received the Optimists trophy with the club's creed inscribed on it.

Sea Scout Troop 213 were also hosted for the evening.

Barbara Lohman won the Lions Club speech contest for her oration in keeping with the contest theme, "My Place in the World of 1976."

On March 11 Barbara will compete in the zone run-off at the Wayfarer's Restaurant. Winner will enter the district finals to be held at North Torrance High School sometime in April.

The Lions presented Barbara with the official Lions trophy pen set.

Joe Wilcox executive secretary of the Torrance YMCA, spoke on the organization's work and how it could affect Lomita and Harbor City. Wilcox was the Lions' guest speaker on March 4.

An election of officers will take place during the March 13 meeting of the Friendship Club of the Methodist Church.

Members will meet for a hot luncheon under the chairmanship of Florence Murphy and Fleecia Bleakley and Mildred Jelsma. A social hour will follow the short business session.

In place of their regular meeting, the Job Daughters, Bethel 137, will see "Oh, Men, Oh, Women" at Grauman's Chinese Theater on March 8.

Other activities include the Jobies supporting the DeMolay football game on March 10. Mrs. Virginia Basile said that anyone wishing to attend should be at the Masonic Temple, Bland St. and Pacific Coast Hwy., at noon for transportation.

On March 15 the girls will exemplify before the Order of Eastern Stars.

Guide Laila Willson and Marshall Polly Basile are conducting a donut sale. All the girls in the Bethel are taking orders to be turned in by March 20. The donuts, purchased from the Do-Nut Drive Inn, will be delivered March 23.

Business of the Vel-De-Nez Music and Record Club during the February meeting included the discussion of a benefit dinner. Also included in the business was the first donation toward a tape recorder for the members use. Henry Weaver was spokesman for the evening and Eugene Johnson was acting secretary.

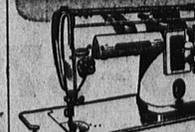
The program of the evening consisted of duets, solos and instrumentals. Participating were Fred Smith, Pat Good-year, Colleen English, and Verna Flynn.

New compositions included a song written by Irene McCrosson of Lomita, and Mildred Lee of Santa Cruz. Les Holland also had a new song presented.

Lomita's Verna Flynn sang several songs and was in charge of the program.

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